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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>5</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.
3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising: a. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of _____ sheets, as follows: <input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box. b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-12 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 1-8 as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/6-6/6 as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
1	This report makes reference to the following documents:		
	D1: DE 41 42 988 A1 (MEPLA-WERKE LAUTENSCHLAEGGER GMBH & CO KG, 6107 REINHEIM, DE) 1 July 1993.		
2.1	D1 is regarded as the closest prior art. It discloses (the reference signs in parentheses refer to said document) a hinge housing that is embodied as a cup-like insert and has a cup part and a liner plate that can be attached in a recess of the door leaf. In order to connect the metal cup-like part to the pre-assembled liner plate, rotary locks are provided that lock the metal cup-like part into the pre-assembled liner plate after the metal cup-like part has been inserted into the passage opening, by rotating it like a bayonet catch.		
2.2	The subject matter of claim 1 differs from the hinge housing in D1 in that the liner		

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	<p>plate has elastic snap-in fixing pins and the cup part is mounted using screws, clamping plates and elastically deformable fixing elements.</p> <p>Therefore, the subject matter of claim 1 is novel (PCT Article 33(2)).</p> <p>2.3 The problem to be solved by the present invention can be regarded as that of providing a hinge housing of the type in question that enables the door leaf to be removed even if the hinge is pre-assembled on the cabinet body, without having to remove the hinge from the supporting wall of the body prior thereto.</p> <p>2.4 The solution to this problem as proposed in claim 1 of the present application involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:</p> <p>This solution, which is neither known from nor rendered obvious by the prior art, enables the liner plate to be inserted into a recess of the door leaf and the cup part subsequently to be attached in a direct and simple manner.</p> <p>2.5 Claims 2-8 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.</p>

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3. The subject matter of claims 1-8 is
industrially applicable (PCT Article 33(4)).